

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-26 without prejudice.

27. (New) A molded seat assembly comprising:

an insert having an upper and a lower surface, a peripheral edge, and a ridge disposed adjacent to said peripheral edge, the peripheral edge having a substantially tapered cross-section and being angled with respect to the lower surface, said ridge extends upwardly from said upper surface of said insert; and

a seat portion comprised of a plastic material molded directly to said insert, the seat portion substantially engulfing the peripheral edge up to said ridge.

28. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 27, wherein said ridge continuously extends about said insert.

29. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 27, wherein said peripheral edge is partially embedded in said seat portion.

30. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 29, wherein said peripheral edge is partially cohesive with said seat portion.

31. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 29, wherein said peripheral edge is partially deformed by and is partially embedded in the plastic material to provide locking engagement between said insert and said seat portion.

32. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 27, wherein said insert comprises an injection molded plastic material.

33. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 32, wherein the plastic material comprising said insert is polyethylene.

34. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 27, wherein the plastic material comprising said seat portion is polyethylene.

35. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 27, wherein said insert further includes an attachment platform defining said upper and lower surfaces and further defining at least one aperture therethrough.

36. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 35, wherein said at least one aperture includes a ridge, said ridge continuously extending about said aperture.

37. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 36, wherein said ridge extends upwardly from said top surface of said insert.

38. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 35, wherein said aperture includes an internal edge, said internal edge being partially embedded in said seat portion.

39. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 38, wherein said internal edge is partially cohesive with said seat portion.

40. (New) A molded seat assembly as set forth in claim 38, wherein said internal edge is partially deformed by and is partially embedded in the plastic material to provide locking engagement between said insert and said seat portion.